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SUBJ: FY 77 DR. MANFREDO RAMIREZ RUSSO

REF: ASUNCION 0367

1. IV GRANTEE DR. MANFREDO RAMIREZ RUSSO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WORSHIP IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 12 ON THE FIRST LEG OF A MONTH-LONG VISIT TO U.S. IN HIS PRESENT POSITION, DR. RAMIREZ RUSSO HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE GOP FOR THE DELICATE SUBJECT OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS. THE CHURCH IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN PARAGUAY, AND ITSELF HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS FOR ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE ARREST AND EXPULSION OF PRIESTS, THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ONE OF THE MAIN JESUIT-RUN SCHOOLS IN ASUNCION, AND THE SUPPRESSION OF A CHURCH-SPONSORED RURAL COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

2. DR. RAMIREZ RUSSO IS AN INTELLIGENT AND COMPARATIVELY ENLIGHTENED OFFICIAL WHO HAS PLAYED A MODERATING ROLE IN THE CHURCH-STATE CONFLICT. EMBASSY SEES HIS VISIT AS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPOSURE TO U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS VIEWS AND RECOMMENDS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMING WITHIN THE USG IN THAT  
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